

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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The Honorable John L. McLucas  
Secretary of the Air Force  
The Pentagon

Dear Dr. McLucas:

Following our telephone conversation ~~a few days ago~~, I have <sup>last month,</sup> re-examined with General Graham our requirements for [redacted] services. He has continued to make a valuable contribution to our study of the intelligence warning problem. General Graham expects that he will play a key role as we move to improve community procedures and mechanisms in the warning arena.

AT. You will recall that [redacted] was detailed to the Intelligence Community Staff for a period of nine to twelve months, effective 1 August 1973. It is my understanding ~~you now desire to move~~ ~~promptly to obtain a temporary replacement for [redacted]~~ until ~~the summer of 1975~~, and that his return to the Air Force would be postponed until that time. ~~We welcome such an arrangement which would appear to meet the requirements of both the Air Force and the Intelligence Community Staff as well as protect [redacted] career interests.~~

Again, I wish to express my appreciation for your assistance and support of the Intelligence Community Staff.

Sincerely,

W. E. Colby

That the Air Force is ~~also~~ willing to extend [redacted] detail to ~~the~~ Staff until the summer of 1975. In view of his value to our on-going effort to improve crisis management such an arrangement.